



# THE CITY-COUNTY OF Butte-Silver Bow

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Exhibit 14

Council Members,

The City-County of Butte-Silver Bow has been working with Mitsubishi-Hitachi Power Systems (Mitsubishi) and its subsidiary, Oriden, on land acquisition and water in support of the proposed green hydrogen project. Oriden currently has an option agreement on 160 acres of property owned by Butte-Silver Bow and has been working with numerous adjoining property owners for their project.

While an incredibly large and complex undertaking, the proposed Mitsubishi green hydrogen project is a tremendous economic catalyst for Montana. For many of the largest power users, renewable energy such as solar and wind, have never been a viable alternative because they need consistent uninterrupted power. Solar and wind are unable to meet these specific needs. The concept of using hydrogen as a "battery" would eliminate many of these issues.

The project's impact on southwest Montana is overwhelmingly positive. The estimated cost to build the facilities total over \$1 billion. It is too early in the process to be able to quantify the impact of this magnitude of a construction project, but understand that something of this size would be significant to say the least.

Once the project is complete, the permanent jobs created would be high skilled, good paying jobs; well above the current median income for both Montana and southwest Montana.

Also, we are actively working with Mitsubishi and their consultants to determine what other industries we may be able to attract with having a hydrogen plant located in our industrial park, Montana Connections. Creating another big boost for our economy.

We are fully in support of the Mitsubishi project for both the economic impact of such a project and the environmental benefits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Byrnes".

Dave Palmer  
Chief Executive

Karen Byrnes  
Director Community Dev.

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Economic Dev. Coordinator